

# **City of Wichita, Kansas**

## **Americans with Disabilities Act Transition Plan**

### **West Meadows Park**

1433 Parkridge

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Locations		Structural Inconsistencies	Recommended Corrections/Modifications to Ensure Program Access	Criteria – L=low, M=medium, H=high			Supplemental Technical Information			Finalized Actions		
Location	Identified Issue	ADAAG Specifications	Recommended Correction	Priority (overall)	Public Access	Frequency - PWD	Photo #	Conceptual Costs	Support Information	Finalized Correction	Date to be Corrected	Date Completed (Include initial)
1. Picnic Tables	An accessible path of travel does not lead to any of the single picnic tables.	<a href="#">AGSAPT 16.5.1.1</a>	Technically, neither ADAAG nor the Recreational Facilities - Final Rule provide scoping for picnic tables. In addition, neither guideline provides specifications for what would constitute an accessible picnic table. However, the document titled “Accessibility Guidelines for Outdoor Developed Areas” (AGSAPT) does provide both scoping and specifications for accessible picnic tables. These Guidelines ( <a href="#">AGSAPT</a> ) are <b>neither final rules nor enforceable</b> . Generally, we consider picnic tables and other park amenities for use by the general public to be services provided by local governments, which own or operate the park. Therefore, to ensure compliance with <a href="#">Title II’s</a> program access requirements, we recommend following the scoping and specifications provided by the <a href="#">AGSAPT</a> to determine the accessibility of picnic tables. According to AGSAPT, section 16.5.1.2 requires that where two or more fixed picnic tables are provided in a picnic area, at least 50 percent, but no less than two, shall comply with 16.5. Of the picnic tables required to be accessible, 40 percent, but never less than two, shall be located along an outdoor recreation access route. <b>Provide an accessible path of travel (concrete, asphalt or rubber) leading to the end sections of an appropriate number of picnic tables; or move picnic table so they exist on an accessible path of travel.</b> Note: An accessible path should connect to the end side of the table to allow the user to be seated at the end of the table.	L	H	M	<a href="#">3</a>	\$200	<a href="#">AGSAPT</a>			
2. Tennis Court	A 2-inch abrupt change in level exists on the path of travel to the tennis courts.	<a href="#">4.3.8</a> <a href="#">4.5.2</a>	According to ADAAG, changes in level up to 1/4 in (6 mm) may be vertical and without edge treatment (see <a href="#">Fig. 7(c)</a> ). Changes in level between 1/4 in and 1/2 in (6 mm and 13 mm) shall be beveled with a slope no greater than 1:2 (see <a href="#">Fig. 7(d)</a> ). Abrupt changes in level over 1/2-inch cannot exist. <b>Modify the path of travel to the tennis courts to comply with ADAAG specifications.</b>	L	H	M	<a href="#">4</a>	\$150	<a href="#">ADAAG</a>			

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3. Play Equipment	A stable, firm and slip resistant surface does not exist leading to the individual play components and play structure exit points; and does not exist in the use zone around any of the play facilities.	<a href="#">15.6.4</a> <a href="#">1</a> <a href="#">(GAD AAG FR)</a>	Since ADAAG does not specifically provide guidance on how to make play areas accessible, we are required to examine existing federal information, which is currently not part of the ADA and, therefore, not enforceable guidance. Two such documents exist; the <a href="#">Play Areas, Final Rule</a> , October, 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2000 (Play Areas Final Rule); and the <a href="#">New ADAAG</a> , November 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2004, Chapter 2, 240 Play Areas and Chapter 10, 1008 Play areas (New ADAAG). In essence, both of the Play Areas Final Rule and New ADAAG are identical and both were created by the U.S. Access Board. The individual and composite play components within this play area are accessible according to the Play Areas – Final Rule. However, Accessible routes do not lead to required accessible play equipment, due to surface cross slopes greater than 1:50, running slopes greater than 1:12, and abrupt changes in level greater than ½-inch. In other words, the existing sand surface is not considered an accessible surface. The elevated composite play structure does have a rubber accessible surface which leads to it, but no such surface leads from it’s exit points, nor to other ground level play components. <b>To ensure an accessible route surface, not requiring regular maintenance, which is also impact attenuating, we recommend that one accessible path of travel, be installed which consists of either rubber tiles or poured rubber, leading to each type of ground level single play component and exit points of the composite play structure. We also recommend that a rubber surface be provide in the use zones of each single play component and the composite play structure</b> However, such rubber surface is not technically required by the available accessibility guidance. (Note: A well maintained wood fiber surface, as defined in <a href="#">(SEWFAPS)</a> , is also considered accessible under the conditions that such surface is maintained regularly.	L	H	M	<a href="#">2</a> <a href="#">5</a>	\$3,000	For additional qualitative guidance we utilized “ <a href="#">Guide to the ADAAG &amp; Final Rule (GADAAGFR)</a> ” and “ <a href="#">Stabilized Engineered Wood Fiber for Accessible Playground Surfaces, Final Report (SEWFAPS)</a> : Phase III, December 2004. <i>(not enforceable)</i> ”			

**West Meadows Park - Conceptual Cost Projections**

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,350</b>
<b>Year One (Very High)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Year Three (High)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Year Five (Medium)</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Year Ten (Low)</b>	<b>\$3,350</b>